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App. No. : 10/733,981
Applicant : Toshihiko Munetsugu et al.
Filed : December 11, 2003
Title : DATA PROCESSING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
SELECTING MEDIA SEGMENTS ON THE BASIS OF A
SCORE (as amended)
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TC/A.U. : 2176
Examiner : Maikhanh Nguyen
Customer No. : 000,116
Docket No. : 32161US2

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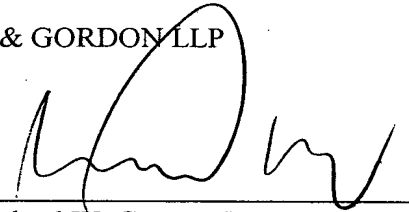
Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action of September 8, 2006. Please note that the Office action was improper because a non-patent publication entitled "SpeechSkimmer: A System for Interactively Skimming Recorded Speech", ACM, March 1997, pp. 3-38 (**B. Arons**), was cited but not included with the Office action nor cited on the PTO-892. The applicant respectfully requests a new Office action.

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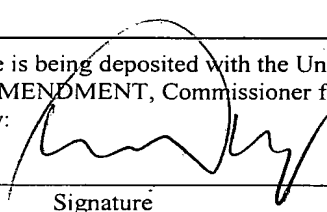
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